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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. To Be Assigned; Filed: Herewith (October 1, 2003)  
(*Divisional of Appl. No.: 09/162,244; Filed: September 28, 1998*)  
For: **Method and Apparatus for Compressing and Uncompressing Image Data**

Inventors: DREBIN *et al.*  
Our Ref: SGI-15-4-678.01 (1452.3770001/MVM/GSB)

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Method and Apparatus for Compressing and Uncompressing Image Data**

and naming as inventors:

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the application consisting of:

- a. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
- b. A copy of the executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 09/162,244;

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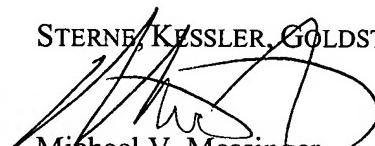
- c. A specification containing:
    - i. 43 pages of description prior to the claims;
    - ii. 3 pages of claims (9 claims);
    - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
  - d. 8 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-8);
- 3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
  - 4. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS);
  - 5. Form PTO-1449 listing eleven (11) cited documents; and
  - 6. Three (3) return postcards.

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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	SGI-15-4-678.01 (1452.3770001/MVM/GSB)
<i>First Inventor</i>	Richard A. Drebin
<i>Title</i>	Method of and Apparatus for Compressing and Uncompressing Image Data
<i>Express Mail Label No.</i>	

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (*e.g.*, PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 47]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*  
 - Descriptive title of the Invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawings (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]  
 a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*  
 i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.
7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*  
 a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
 b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
 i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
 ii.  paper  
 c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
*(when there is an assignee)*  Power of Attorney
11.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Three (3) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)  
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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*Prior application information:* Examiner Sherali, Ishrat I of prior application No: 09/162,244  
*Art Unit:* 2621

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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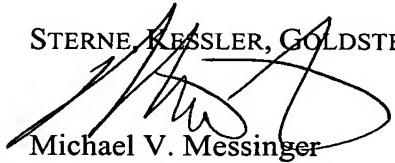
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